



# Opening Agenda for Cub Scout Packs

## School Night To Join Scouting



<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
6:45 P.M.	Pre-Opening Materials.....	Packs & Troops

- ✓ Ceremony equipment, American flag and stand, unit flag and stand

#### Exhibits And Displays

- ✓ Direct boys and parents to visit exhibit and display area.
- ✓ Set up a sign with unit number, sponsor and time and place of meetings.
- ✓ Two Scouts in uniform. Pictures and/or slides of activities.
- ✓ Other display items might include: Camporee program, Pinewood Derby cars, rope-making machine, pack projects from past years.

#### Registration

- ✓ Have boys and parents fill out a nametag.
- ✓ Have parents sign attendance roster for boy.
- ✓ Distribute "Cub Scout Parents' Orientation Guide" to each family.
- ✓ Have boys and parents seated by grade and have props and signs indicating where to sit.

7:00 p.m.	I. Opening Ceremony .....	Unit Leader
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#### A. Teach "When the Sign Goes UP"

Here is a simple way to get order for announcements or the next order of business. Explain that whenever you raise your hand in the Scout sign, the group is to become attentive and stop talking. Have everyone practice it a few times until the proper reaction becomes automatic. This method of getting order saves your voice and nerves. Explain to everyone "When the sign goes up, everyone is to listen."

#### B. Flag Ceremony.....Cub Den or Scout Patrol

Form two lines facing each other. The flag is marched up between the lines with all personnel saluting. The flag is halted at the head of the lines and turned about face, whereupon all assembled give the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:00 p.m. II. Welcome and Statement of Purpose ..... Unit Leader

A. Briefly State Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to inform parents and boys about Cub Scouting and its programs, activities, meetings and leadership. By the end of the meeting we hope that everyone will become a member of our Cub Scout Pack.

B. Introduce Key Leaders

- ✓ Committee Chairman, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Den Leaders, etc.

7:00 p.m. III. Cub Scout Organization (30 minutes)..... Unit Leader

- ✓ Explain the Cub Scout program using the "Cub Scout Parents' Orientation Guide". The following outline corresponds with the sections of the "Parents' Guide."

A. Your Son, Scouting and You (Page 1)

As parents, we want our boys to grow up to be a self-reliant, dependable and caring individuals. For more than 90 years Scouting has had these same goals in mind for them. Scouting teaches lifetime values through fun and educational activities designed to assist parents in strengthening character, good citizenship, and physical fitness in youth.

Scouting teaches family values . . . We know that boys do not join Scouting just to get their character built. Boys join because it is fun.

B. Tiger Cub Program (Page 1)

1. The Tiger Cub Program is for boys in the first grade.
2. Tiger Cubs is a one-on-one program for boys and adults.
3. Each boy/adult team is a member of a Tiger Cub Den which:
  - a. Has three to eight boy/adult teams.
  - b. Meets 2-3 times each month.

c. Meetings focus around ideas and activities found in the Tiger Cub handbook

4. Each den has a Tiger Cub Den Leader.

- a. The Tiger Cub Den Leader helps coordinate the Tiger Cub Den Meetings
- b. Each boy/adult team takes a turn running the activities and working with the Tiger Cub Den Leader for each meeting.

C. Cub Scout Program (Page 2)

Cub Scouting is for boys in second through fifth grade. The boys are divided into grade-level groups. Second graders are Wolves, third graders are Bears, and fourth and fifth graders are Webelos. Those grade-level groups are known as dens. Your son will be a member of a Den which:

- a. Has four to eight boys.
- b. Is led by a den leader (usually a parent).
- c. Meets once a week. Den meetings are regularly scheduled meetings at the leader's convenience.
- d. The Den leader is assisted by an assistant den leader (usually a parent), and often a den chief (an older Boy Scout), and a denner (a Cub Scout elected by den members).
- e. Den meetings include games, crafts, skits, songs, ceremonies and periodic field trips.

D. The Cub Scout Pack (Page 2 & 3)

1. All of the grade-level dens make up the Cub Scout Pack.

- a. Our Pack meets once a month at the Pack meeting- all Tiger Cub and Cub Scout families are expected to participate.
- b. The Pack meeting is led by the Cubmaster .

Our Cubmaster is \_\_\_\_\_.

- c. The Pack meeting is the highlight of the month's den meetings and activities.
- d. The Pack meetings have games, skits, songs, ceremonies, and presentation of badges that boys have earned that month.

2. Our pack is run by the Pack Committee. Committee members are den leaders, pack leaders, and all parents.
  - a. We meet once a month or more often if needed.
  - b. Led by a committee chairman.  
Our Committee Chairman is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. The committee selects leadership, finds meeting places, performs record keeping, manages pack finances, orders badges, maintains pack equipment, helps train leaders, and recognizes leaders.
  
3. Our Pack is owned by our Chartering Organization.
  - a. Our Charter Organization is the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Our Charter Organization approves adult leadership, helps secure a meeting place, ensures we follow the guidelines and policies of the Boy Scouts of America.
  - c. Our Charter Organization selects a chartered organization representative (a liaison between our pack and our sponsor).
  - d. At the bottom of page 3 you can see a flow chart of how our Cub Scout Pack is organized.

E. Tiger Cub & Cub Scout Motto (Page 4)

As I mentioned earlier, the Scouting program places a great deal of emphasis on character development. Our Scouts strive to live by the ideals put for in the Tiger Cub and Cub Scout Mottos. On page 4 you can read about those in detail.

F. The Advancement Plan (Pages 5 & 6)

All of our boys regardless of grade will work on achieving awards and advancements. Each Scout will need to purchase the handbook according to their grade-level (hold up examples). We will tell you how to get those a little later. Pages 5 and 6 provide an outline of the Advancement Program and how it relates to your son.

G. Special Programs (Page 7)

Page 7 outlines some of the special programs that our Pack is involved with. Some of the fun things our Pack will be doing this year are:  
(Outline what some of those programs and activities are.)

H. How Can You Help? & Pack Volunteer Leadership & You Are Not Alone!  
(Pages 8, 9, & 10)

As you have heard throughout tonight's meeting, Cub Scouting is a family program. It takes volunteers to make this great program work for our children. Pages 8 through 10 talk about the volunteer opportunities available. We will talk more about this a little later.

I. Important Information (Page 11)

There is quite a bit of information that we have given out tonight so far. We want to make sure that you jot down some critical information about our pack. Please turn to page 11. (Run down the list and answer all of the questions you can at this time)

J. What Will Scouting Cost Me? (Page 12)

Page 12 outlines the costs associated with Scouting. You can see that the registration fee to join Cub Scouts is \$10.00 a year. Our Pack has a yearly dues that covers (describe those items) and that cost is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

If financial considerations are a concern, please see one of the leaders after the meeting. We will refuse no boy membership because of financial considerations. Our unit and the council have programs to help.

N. Parent Help Positions (Page 14)

Page 14 lists some of the volunteer opportunities available within our Cub Scout Pack. We will talk in more detail about those once we break into our dens.

7:30 p.m. IV. Den Organization and Recruiting..... Unit Leader

- A. Break into grade level, den-sized groups (8-10 boys).
- B. Assign an organizer for every grade level.
- C. Tiger Cub and Cub Scout Den Organization Agendas can be found in the School Night Packet. Refer to those agendas for the rest of the meeting.